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More rural people used more electric power for more purposes during 1948 than in any previous year, the U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced.

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The Department of Agriculture has announced a 1949 wool price support program with a price schedule that will provide a National average wool price to growers of

Slightly more than 42¢ a pound, grease basis. All stands and a stand and a stand a stand a stand a standard a the Bureau of Agricultural Economics has announced the

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Nearly one-half of the Nation's farmers, operating about two-thirds of the cropland, carried on conservation practices in 1948 under the Agricultural Conservation Program according to preliminary reports of the USDA's Production and Marketing Administration from all 48 States and Insular territories.

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"Nothing can be more distressing than hunger unless it's plenty of food produced at great effort for a market which isn't there." Under Secretary of Agriculture, A. J. Loveland, at PMA Conference, St. Louis, Mo., on December 8, 1948.

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Favorable feeding conditions are giving poultrymen great encouragement for raising more chickens in 1949, but the U. S. Department of Agriculture warns that emphasis should be placed on planning "better" poultry flocks rather than going all out for "bigger" flocks.

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Seed production of most of the important grasses and many legumes was down this year, according to a report of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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"Each day gives the world 55,000 more mouths to feed." N. E. Dodd, Food and Agriculture Organization.

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School lunch programs in the 11 Midwest states have of cheese by the U. S. Department of Agriculture singe the school and also become also School lunch programs in the 11 Midwest states have been allocated 3 million pounds

"Maybe it's time we emphasized the need to keep our good land good, as well as to make our poor land better." William B. Crawley, Assistant Administrator for Production.

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The commercial family farm is still the chief unit in U. S. agricultural economy, they make up more than half our farms, produce 70 percent of the total value of products, and provide for more than 58 percent of our farm population, the AAA announces.

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Representatives of 58 nations met in Washington, D. C. during the last two weeks of November 1948 at the 4th annual conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, marking another milestone in the world's advance on the long road toward freedom from hunger.

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Recently elected farmer committeemen who will administer the 1949 Agricultural Conservation and related programs in counties and communities took office on January 1, the AAA reports.

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Farmers' outstanding production efforts during recent years made it possible for the U.S. to export a record 19,347,000 long tons of food, during the period July 1, 1947 through June 30, 1948, according to a recent report by the Department of Agriculture.

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Between 1800 and 1940 the number of man hours needed to produce 100 bushels of wheat dropped from 373 to 47, the AAA advises.

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Farm stocks of corn are the largest of record for Jamary 1, and with large stocks of other feed grains, extremely liberal supplies of feed are available for livestock feeding, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

A goal of 120 billion pounds of milk for 1949, established in the face of dwindling cow numbers in the U. S. will require the Nation's dairy farmers to boost the average milk production of their cows to an all-time high, reports the Department of Agriculture.

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Wheat supplies on farms January 1, 1949 totaled nearly 382 million bushels, the fifth largest on record, but the highest since January 1, 1945, the AAA announces.

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The world output of major food products in 1948 was about 6 percent above 1947, and there is indication of further expansion of food crop acreages in 1949, according to the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations of the Department of Agriculture.

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In January, farmers will probably receive around 2.4 billion dollars from marketings, 12 percent less than they received in December and 4 percent below receipts in January a year ago, the AAA announces.

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Science has revealed that crops grown on land high in fertility are not only larger but are of better quality than those grown on poor land, the AAA advises.

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Waste fat salvaged in the period August, 1942 through September, 1948 totaled 924,210,777 pounds, or almost 10 percent as great as the domestic production from all other sources of inedible tallow and grease of 11,169,000,000 pounds in the same period, the AAA reports.

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There will be more trees available for conservation plantings this year than last, according to preliminary figures of the U. S. Department of Agriculture which indicate at least 265 million trees available this year as compared with 208 million in 1948.

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The Agricultural Conservation Program, by maintaining and improving soil fertility and reducing erosion, was an important factor in the heavy production on American farms in 1948.

AUG 2 195 Percent less than in 1947, Honey production in 1948 totaled 206,485,000 pounds the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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Stocks of feed grains and of wheat on January 1, 1949 were at record and near-record heights for the past six-year period, according to reports of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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Recent surveys completed by entomologists of the Department of Agriculture indicate that grasshoppers by the billions are expected in wide areas of the United States in 1949. The situation in North Dakota is relatively good with the probable heaviest infestation in the extreme Northwest corner of the State.

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Assistance offered under the Agricultural Conservation Program directs the attention of farmers to their individual problems on their respective farms.

The U. S. exported a record total of nearly $19\frac{1}{2}$ million long tons of foodstuffs during the 1948 fiscal year, while at the same time domestic consumption of food per capita was running about 14 percent above the prewar average, Ralph S. Trigg, Administrator of the Production and Marketing Administration said in his annual report recently released.

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Supplies of soybeans stored on farms January 1, 1949 were the largest for that date since 1943, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

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The Department of Agriculture has announced that it will continue to support egg prices in the Midwest through March, April, and May at the prevailing support level, which reflects an average of 35¢ per dozen for shell eggs.

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Civilian per capita consumption of food in the U.S. this year is expected to continue at about the 1948 level which was 12 percent above the prewar average, the AAA announces.

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The United States average wheat yield per harvested acre for the years 1937-46 was 16.1 bushels, the AAA reports.

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Price supports for butterfat during 1949 will be carried out through offers to purchase wholesale butter when necessary, according to a recent announcement of the Department of Agriculture.

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An over-all survey of future storage needs for agricultural commodities and the facilities which will be required to meet these needs is being carried out by the Production and Marketing Administration,

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Despite the 2.5 percent smaller number of layers on farms in 1948, total farm egg production was about the same as in 1947, the AAA reports.

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The recent strong demand for hay in emergency feed areas of the west has resulted in generally higher hay prices, the AAA announces.

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More fats and oils will be available to U. S. consumers in 1949 due to the record output of vegetable oils in 1948, the AAA reports.

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North Dakota farmers living in counties having wheat or flax crop insurance for 1949 should contact their county AAA committee for full information concerning the Crop Insurance Program.

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the tenth successive year, but demand is expected to do likewise, the AAA reports.

Fertilizer production in the U. S. will swing upward in 1948-49 to a new peak for

Approximately 81,000 cattle and calves and 97,000 sheep and lambs had perished up to February 1, as a result of severe snowstorms and blizzards in affected areas of four States, South Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado, reports the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

A Nation-wide survey to find out how much seed will be required to make conservation plantings for the next five years is being conducted by the Production and Marketing Administration.

Budgeting our land to produce what is needed without waste is just as important as budgeting our income to buy the things we need without waste, emphasizes the AAA.

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Wheat crop prospects have improved during January, says the latest crop report of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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Purchase agreements and loans, under the price support program, are available on 1948 crop corn until June 30, 1949, the AAA announces.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture estimates January milk production at 8.7 billion pounds, 4 percent above January output a year ago.

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Assets of American agriculture totaled about 130 billion dollars at the beginning of 1949, with much of the increase from the previous year accounted for by the increased valuation of farm real estate, machinery, and motor vehicles, the AAA reports.

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